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1. During April 1953, DOSO (Dobrovolna Organizatsiya za Sudeystvie na Otbrana; Voluntary Organization for Defense Assistance) held regional conferences throughout Bulgaria in order to strengthen its organization. Chief of DOSO is the former Communist partisan General Georgi Terpeshev. His chief of staff is General Kinov, former chief of staff of the Bulgarian Army.
2. DOSO is the third "struggle organization" of Bulgarian youth; the other two being "Taifun" and the "Struggle Group" (sic) of the Communist Party. The supreme commander of all three organizations is General Kortinsky (fnu) who comes under the direct command of General Grekov, Vice Minister of Defense. The organizations attempt to keep down partisan and sabotage activities and assist in the maintenance of internal order throughout the country.
3. At the regional conferences of DOSO it was announced that 240,000 members of the group must develop a military-sports program within the next three months. Training and instruction must be organized in the following fields:
 - a. Automobile driving and maintenance;
 - b. Radio operation, repair, and maintenance;
 - c. Defense against chemical warfare and air raids;
 - d. Firing of and familiarity with light weapons;
 - e. Horsemanship; and
 - f. Swimming.
4. DOSO intends to give pre-military training to these Bulgarian youth, who are recruited by the Militia, before they enter the services. Regional leaders of the three organizations are members of the regional central committees of the Party. In turn, they answer to the Central Committee of the Bulgarian Communist Party.

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5. DOSO conducts its training in military camps using arms from the Bulgarian Army. However, when members of the organization leave the camps they do not carry arms. The DOSO units are at the call of either the police or the Army.

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